

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

Cable providers should be subject to the same use accommodation rules. My cable provider (Cox Communications) wants to sell telephone service and last week their internet service was unavailable for 80 HOURS!